- 1 1. A communications device comprising:
- a processor; and
- a storage coupled to said processor, said storage
- 4 storing instructions that enable the processor to record
- 5 ambient sounds and to play back those ambient sounds when a
- 6 incoming call is being received.
- 1 2. The device of claim 1 wherein said device is a
- 2 cellular telephone.
- 1 3. The device of claim 1 including a speaker and a
- 2 microphone coupled to said processor.
- 1 4. The device of claim 1 including caller
- 2 identification to identify incoming callers.
- 1 5. The device of claim 4 wherein said storage stores
- 2 instructions that enable the processor to match a caller
- 3 identification to a recorded sound and to automatically
- 4 play back the recorded sound when a given caller calls.
- 1 6. The device of claim 1 wherein said storage stores
- 2 instructions to automatically playback a stored sound
- 3 enabling the user to indicate whether or not the storage
- 4 stored sound is acceptable.

- 7. A method comprising:
- enabling a user to record a sound to be played
- 3 back when a call is received; and
- 4 automatically playing back the sound when a call
- 5 is received.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7 including mapping a caller
- 2 identification to a recorded sound and automatically
- 3 playing back the recorded sound when a call from a
- 4 particular caller is received.
- 1 9. The method of claim 7 including automatically
- 2 playing back a sound after a sound is recorded and enabling
- 3 the user to indicate whether or not the sound is
- 4 acceptable.
- 1 10. The method of claim 7 including enabling the user
- 2 to record a user supplied sound.
- 1 11. The method of claim 10 including enabling a user
- 2 to record the verbalization of the user's name.
- 1 12. The method of claim 7 including enabling the user
- 2 to record a unique distinctive sound to be played back when
- 3 a call is received.

- 1 13. An article comprising a medium storing
- 2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:
- 3 record ambient sounds; and
- determine when an incoming call is being received
- 5 and automatically play back said ambient sounds when an
- 6 incoming call is being received.
- 1 14. The article of claim 13 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to
- 3 associate a recorded sound with a caller identification and
- 4 when a caller identification is received automatically play
- 5 back the sound.
- 1 15. The article of claim 13 further storing
- 2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
- 3 record a sound, automatically play back the sound, and
- 4 determine whether the user approves the sound.
- 1 16. A cellular telephone comprising:
- a baseband chipset;
- a radio frequency chipset coupled to said
- 4 baseband chipset; and
- a memory storing instructions that enable the
- 6 baseband chipset to record ambient sounds and to play back
- 7 those ambient sounds when an incoming call is being
- 8 received through said radio frequency chipset.

- 1 17. The telephone of claim 16 including a speaker and
- 2 a microphone coupled to said baseband chipset.
- 1 18. The telephone of claim 16 including caller
- 2 identification to identify incoming callers.
- 1 19. The telephone of claim 18 wherein said storage
- 2 stores instructions that enable the baseband chipset to
- 3 match a caller identification to a recorded sound and to
- automatically play back the recorded sound when a given
- 5 caller calls.